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SECDEF FOR ASD/ISA AND DSAA/TS

SUBJ: SECURITY ASSISTANCE - ETHIOPIA

1. BOTH EMBASSY AND USMAAG HAVE BEEN REPORTING FOR SOME TIME THAT EPMG PLACES HIGH PRIORITY ON EXPEDITED SHIPMENT OF FOUR UH-1H HELICOPTERS, FUNDED UNDER 1974 MAP BUT NOT YET DELIVERED. MOND EMPHIZES THAT THIS ISSUE HAS HIGH POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE. THIS WAS ONE OF ITEMS BROUGHT TO ATTENTION OF ASST SECRETARY DAVIS JUNE 30 DURING HIS VISIT HERE.
 2. WE HAVE TOUCHED ALL THE BASES IN INSURING USG AWARENESS OF THIS SITUATION, AND USMAAG HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY INFORMED THAT THE DELIVERY CANNOT BE EXPEDITED AND THAT EPMG WILL HAVE TO AWAIT NEW PRODUCTION IN 1976. HOWEVER, THE HIGH LEVEL OF EPMG INTEREST CONTINUES. THE SUBJECT IS BEING REPEATEDLY BROUGHT UP TO CMAAG IN MOND LEVEL DISCUSSIONS; AND, DURING RECENT VISIT TO ERITREA, MOND MIN ALAYEW PHONED VMOND KIFLE WORKU IN ADDIS AND SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED THAT KIFLE PRESS THE ISSUE AGAIN WITH CMAAG.
 3. WHILE WE APPRECIATE THE MANY FACTORS OPERATIVE IN A DECISION CONCERNING EXPEDITED DELIVERIES, AND THE VERY REAL PROBLEM OF AVAILABILITY, WE WISH TO POINT OUT THAT EXPEDITED SHIPMENT OF THESE
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LONG-DELAYED ITEMS WOULD BE A GOOD WAY TO GIVE A SIGNAL OF USG

REPOSIVENESS TO THE URGENCY THE EPMG ATTACHES TO IT SECURITY
ASSISTANCE REQUESTS.
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